factors like increase in the production cost owing to general escalation, adjustments in the foreign exchange parity rates of Rupee and impact of interest on letter of credit margin money, market prices, etc. The price rise is in the range of Rs. 11,500 per tonne to Rs. 32,200 per tonne depending on the grades of material.

(d) and (e). Stainless Steel items are not subject to any price or distribution control of the Government of India.

Bauxite Deposits in Kerala

1331. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any exploration work for locating Bauxite in Kasargode and Kannoor districts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) carried out preliminary investigations including drilling for bauxite in Kasargode and Kannoor districts of Kerala during 1967 to 1974.

(b) Total reserves of 10.661 million tonnes of bauxite with alumine 40 to 59 per cent and silica 1 to 9 per cent were estimated. Deposit wise break-up being 0.44 MT in Anantapur-gudda, 1.83 MT in Kumbla and 0.70 MT in Narayanamangalam taluk of Kasargode district and 0.71 MT in Kanhangad, 6.1 MT in Nileshwar and 1.52 MT in Taliparambe blocks of Kannoor district.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Indira Gandhi Nahar Project

1332. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in Rajasthan;

(b) whether assistance from other Ministries is being sought for the implementation of the Project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated cost of the project and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon during 1991-92; and

(e) whether the Government propose to make lump sum provision for the project in order to limit the plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is being implemented in two stages. Stage I of the project with an irrigation potential of 5.78 lakh hectares has been completed and potential almost fully utilised. The main canal of the Stage II has been completed and work on the distribution system is in hand. Against the design potential of 8.10 lakh hectares, a potential of 1.86 lakh hectares has been created till March, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The approved cost of the Stage I project is Rs. 931.24 crores covering canal works and unlined water courses. The State Government have not submitted the revised estimate with updated canal costs and area development works including lined water courses. An outlay of Rs. 78.70 crores has been proposed by the State Government for

Stage II Canal works during 1991-92 and Rs. 81.43 crores for the area development works.

(e) The project is being executed under the State Plan for which block loans and grants are provided by the Central Government. However, liberal Cenetral assistance has been extended from time to time for canal and area development work as below:

	During VII Plan	*1990-91*
		(Rs. in Crores)
- For Water Courses under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Command Area Development.	45.60	19.99
- For Canal Works		
(i) Advanced Plan Assistance	45.00	-
(ii) Border Area Development Grant	60.70	28.60
(iii) Drought relief Assistance	20.00	-
Total Canal Works	125.70	28.60

[*English*]

Talks with Bangladesh on Bilateral Issues

1333. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome of talks held on bilateral issues of repatriation of Chakma refugees, Tin Bigha and sharing of Ganga waters during the recent visit of the Bangladesh Foreign Minister to India; and

(b) the followup action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The outcome of talks held on the bilateral issues (referred to in the question) during the recent visit of the Bangladesh Foreign Minister to India and the follow-up action thereon are indicated below:

(i) Regarding the question of Chakma refugees, we hope that following recent discussions the Bangladesh Government will take necessary and effective measures which would give the refugees the confidence to return to their homes in Chakma Hill Tracts voluntarily and at the earliest.

(ii) On Tin Bigha, steps are being taken to implement the lease as soon as possible.

(iii) On the sharing of Ganga waters, Secretary level talks were held in New Delhi in October, 1991 and there is likely to be a meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission at the Ministerial level in the near future.